(c) whether he needs to have a relook, revise the objective organization manpower and operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Funds are released by the Central Government under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan as per the approved Annual Work Plan and Budget of States/UTs and their actual performance in respect of utilization of funds and release of matching State share. During 2005-06 Central Government provided funds to the tune of Rs. 751770.73 lakh and in 2006-07 an amount of Rs. 1054837.58 lakh has been released upto 28.02.2007 under the programme.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Appointment norms of lecturers

†2143. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that changes have been made in norms regarding appointment of lecturers in colleges and universities;

(b) if so, the reasons for making such changes in these norms;

(c) whether previous fixed norms are also applicable in the said matter; and

(d) if so, the norm which would be given priority regarding appointment on colleges and universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) On the recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Government to review the National Eligibility Test (NET) for its utility, effectiveness and continuation, the University Grants Commission has amended its Regulation on Minimum Qualification of Appointment and Career Advancement of Lecturers, Readers and Professors in universities and colleges. As per the amendment, those with an M.Phil qualification can teach under-graduate classes without qualifying the NET, while, those with Ph.D. qualification are not required to qualify the NET for teaching in Universities. The Regulations have come into force w.e.f. the 14th June, 2006.

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